

Edwards Secures Funding to Help Grimes County Repave CR 302

(WASHINGTON, DC) – U.S. Representative Chet Edwards announced that he has secured \$760,000 to repave CR 302 in Grimes County in the final 2009 Appropriations bill, which passed the House today by a vote of 245 to 178.

“Improving CR 302 is an important safety and economic development issue for Grimes County,” said Edwards, a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee. “I want to commend the Grimes County Commissioners Court for bringing this project to my attention. It is clear to me that improving transportation infrastructure is a top local priority that will create new jobs, encourage economic growth and improve quality of life for area residents.”

“Grimes County Commissioners Court strives to improve our county in every aspect. Many times, we cannot afford to fund major projects without federal assistance. Through Congressman Edwards’ efforts to secure this federal transportation appropriation, we will be able to improve a major artery in our county road system,” added Grimes County Commissioner Pam Finke.

CR 302 is in need of repaving to correct wear and tear on the road due to increased population and usage. It is a busy road in need of proper drainage infrastructure. The unpaved road is also a safety concern, which has prompted the sheriff’s office to lower the speed limit.

“As I have listened to community leaders and citizens throughout Grimes County, they have repeatedly said that improving roads and highways is key to economic growth and bringing new business in to Grimes County. This project is a good example of local leaders working together in good faith to invest in an important project that will serve the community for years to come,” said Edwards.

Improving transportation in Grimes County has been a top priority for Congressman Edwards, who secured \$400,000 for bridge construction in 2005, and \$392,000 in 2007 to repave CR 172 in Grimes County.